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OCTOBER TRADE IN U.S. LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS

Reversing the trend of the last 2 months, exports of livestock and livestock products during October exceeded imports of these commodities. Exports amounted to $134.5 million, while imports totaled $113.4 million.

Although exports were higher than imports, the October 1974 export level was 16 percent below that of October 1973. Major contributors to the decline in value were the reduced export values of beef, hides and skins, and live cattle and calves. Exports of pork and tallow and greases, however, increased significantly.

Imports were at the lowest level since November 1971, when they amounted to $87.9 million. While nearly all livestock and livestock product imports declined in value, compared to those for the corresponding period last year, declines in beef and veal imports, valued at $96.4 million, and pork imports, at $19.7 million, were particularly significant.

Pork exports continue above the previous year's level, as they have since July 1974. Cumulative exports for calendar 1974, however, remain below that of calendar 1973 because of the large exports during the first half of 1973 At that time Japan was making large purchases because domestic prices were high and there were no import duties.

Lard, tallow, and grease exports have continued strong. Principal buyers of U.S. lard are Mexico, Canada and the United Kingdom. With the drop of approximately 3 cents in the unit price of technical tallow below last year's level sales of tallow have increased to Egypt, India, and Bangladesh.

Exports of beef, at 3.2 million pounds, were at the highest monthly level since May 1974, although still less than half the monthly average of Calendar 1973. The decline of live cattle exports of 52,600 head was principally responsible for the decline in October's total export value, compared to that for the corresponding 1973 period.

Regarding imports, the large decline in the value of beef and veal imports resulted primarily from the decline in price. Since January the average price of imported processing beef has declined by 30 cents per pound. The quantity of all beef and veal imports for October was just slightly above the July level.

While pork imports displayed the next largest decrease in import value, import quantity was above that of the 5 preceding months. Seasonal demand for imported canned hams and other pork specialty products was responsible for much of the increase in all pork imports. Denmark and the Netherlands are the major suppliers of these hams.

The other category showing a considerable decline in import value was live cattle imports. Because of the poor market for feeder cattle, imports from Mexico and Canada have decreased significantly.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law,
October and January-October 1974, with comparisons 1/ 2/

Country of origin	October 1973	October 1974	January-October 1973	January-October 1974	Percent change from 1973 Jan.-Oct.
	Thousand pounds				Percent
Australia	81,689	36,391	550,718	401,517	-28
New Zealand	34,356	19,197	265,445	226,463	-15
Costa Rica	4,034	3,737	45,895	47,751	+4
Ireland	7,208	475	15,248	41,600	+172
Mexico	3,678	1,808	54,136	34,759	-36
Canada	2,712	2,829	50,523	30,456	-40
Nicaragua	6,886	1,860	46,255	25,443	-45
Honduras	4,134	2,418	33,256	23,524	-30
Guatemala	2,747	1,979	30,393	21,364	-30
Dominican Republic	1,507	1,034	11,622	12,049	+3
El Salvador	554	289	8,290	10,111	+21
Panama	176	264	1,484	2,327	+56
United Kingdom	40	---	156	1,820	+1,066
Haiti	154	38	1,768	1,507	-15
Belize	43	---	43	79	+83
Total 3/	149,916	72,319	1,115,231	880,771	-22

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Fresh, frozen and chilled beef, veal, mutton and goat meat, including rejections. Excludes canned meat and other prepared or preserved meat products. 3/ May not add due to rounding.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law (PL 88-482), October and January-October 1974, with comparisons

Imports	October	January-October
	---Million pounds---	
1974		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	72.3	880.8
Total beef and veal 2/	80.4	1,007.8
Total red meat 3/	112.3	1,339.3
1973		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	149.9	1,115.2
Total beef and veal 2/	163.7	1,231.7
Total red meat 3/	205.4	1,615.5
1972		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	145.2	1,143.0
Total beef and veal 2/	158.9	1,247.1
Total red meat 3/	199.7	1,682.7

1/ Fresh, chilled and frozen beef, veal, mutton and goat meat, including rejections. 2/ All forms, including canned and preserved. 3/ Total beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton, and goat.

Livestock, meat, and meat products: Value of U.S. imports, October and January-October 1974, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	October 1973	October 1974	January-October 1973	January-October 1974	Percent change from 1973 October	Percent change from 1973 January-October
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent
Beef and veal	145,852	49,418	927,112	779,197	-66	-16
Pork	48,865	29,197	353,037	321,691	-40	-9
Lamb, mutton, and goat	1,647	346	19,532	13,917	-79	-29
Other meats 2/	1,078	1,110	6,938	8,158	+3	+18
Mixed sausage	378	334	3,746	4,160	-12	+11
Variety meats	345	197	2,493	2,399	-43	-4
Meat extract	167	75	4,942	5,698	-55	+15
Casings of animal origin	2,468	3,125	23,722	29,984	+27	+26
Miscellaneous animal byproducts	9,135	9,513	81,589	104,364	+4	+28
Lard	---	16	3	17	---	+467
Tallow and greases 3/	431	376	1,740	2,282	-13	+31
Wool (clean basis):						
Apparel	1,282	2,374	26,163	18,465	+85	-29
Carpet	2,830	609	44,000	17,802	-78	-60
Animal hair	408	590	5,438	4,905	+45	-10
Hides and skins 4/	4,434	6,059	74,267	67,420	+37	-20
Furskins	3,849	3,724	64,654	67,507	-3	+4
Livestock:						
Cattle	10,612	4,089	142,078	108,086	-61	-24
Sheep	37	24	235	60	-35	-74
Hogs	1,194	847	8,677	14,985	-29	+73
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	845	1,355	9,962	12,635	+60	+27
Total 5/	235,855	113,377	1,800,329	1,583,732	-52	-12

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Mostly mixed luncheon meats. 3/ Includes edible and inedible tallow and greases.
4/ Beginning 1964, includes value of hides and skins imported in pounds only. 5/ May not add due to rounding.

Livestock, meat, and meat products: Value of U.S. exports, October and January-October 1974, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	October 1973	October 1974	January-October 1973	January-October 1974	Percent change from 1973 October	Percent change from 1973 January-October
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent
Beef and veal	9,333	4,207	73,792	55,361	-55	-25
Pork	8,714	11,140	102,364	54,589	+28	-47
Goat, lamb, and mutton (except canned)	141	287	1,122	1,808	+104	+61
Sausage, bologna, and frankfurters	570	436	3,792	4,359	-24	+15
Other meat products:						
Canned 2/	586	713	5,462	7,872	+22	+44
Specialties 3/	420	207	2,721	3,988	-51	+47
Variety meats	12,863	12,038	98,877	96,259	-7	-3
Hog, and other natural casings	1,362	1,608	14,288	15,045	+18	+5
Lard	3,017	3,555	14,512	33,982	+18	+134
Tallow and greases 4/	34,579	45,173	239,237	460,284	+31	+92
Fine animal hair	1,098	1,025	12,534	8,566	-7	-32
Other animal hair	926	433	4,546	5,706	-53	+26
Hides and skins	30,838	27,651	318,364	285,552	-10	-10
Furskins	3,005	3,403	85,323	109,055	+13	+28
Miscellaneous animal byproducts	8,792	6,979	53,125	65,489	-21	+23
Livestock:						
Cattle and calves	33,690	10,721	96,173	88,019	-68	-9
Sheep and lambs	359	350	1,927	3,253	-3	+69
Hogs	574	725	2,063	4,085	+26	+98
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	6,575	3,807	24,857	29,323	-42	+18
Total 5/	157,441	134,460	1,155,080	1,332,598	-15	+15

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Includes canned meats and canned baby food. 3/ Frozen dinners, casseroles, and other meat products. 4/ Includes edible and inedible tallow and greases. 5/ May not add due to rounding.

U.S. imports of meat and selected livestock products, October and January-October 1974, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	October 1973	October 1974	January-October 1973	January-October 1974
Red meats:	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beef and veal:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen:				
Bone-in beef	894	1,440	16,716	8,265
Boneless beef	144,360	68,212	1,063,912	846,636
Prepared items	294	359	5,518	3,053
Veal	4,121	2,667	22,750	22,015
Prepared or preserved:				
Canned:				
Corned	6,949	3,356	59,540	62,308
Other	2,760	1,559	17,668	24,101
Other	3,924	2,307	43,015	38,715
Sausage	438	453	2,617	2,745
Total beef and veal 2/	163,741	80,353	1,231,737	1,007,838
Pork:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen	4,604	3,330	55,097	40,125
Canned:				
Hams and shoulders	29,749	24,705	254,073	236,507
Other	2,203	1,421	15,298	14,515
Cured	223	251	2,676	2,743
Sausage	470	387	5,225	4,357
Total pork 2/	37,249	30,094	332,369	298,247
Mutton and goat	541	---	11,854	3,855
Lamb	2,104	456	24,862	16,109
Sausage-mixed	372	321	4,334	4,059
Other meats	1,383	1,106	10,392	9,192
Total red meats 2/	205,391	112,331	1,615,547	1,339,300
Variety meats	686	423	6,034	4,970
Edible and inedible tallow and grease	1,560	1,979	11,339	12,113
Meat extract	18	10	1,151	605
Wool (clean basis):				
Dutiable	709	1,155	17,489	10,184
Duty-free	2,201	579	37,801	14,466
Total wool 2/	2,910	1,735	55,290	24,650
Animal hair (clean basis)	158	227	3,245	2,120
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts	47	79	898	716
Sheep skins, pickled and split	78	167	6,890	1,570
	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces
Cattle	55	42	579	417
Calf and kip	38	13	355	369
Buffalo	19	4	203	121
Sheep and lamb	696	1,077	11,822	14,031
Goat and kid	27	24	1,512	462
Horse	14	3	88	45
Pig	398	162	1,303	2,341
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Cattle	27,601	8,698	735,162	545,452
Sheep	1,554	136	6,438	536
Hogs	7,077	8,692	72,886	182,821
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	272	458	2,777	2,809

1/ Preliminary. 2/ May not add due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

U.S. exports of selected meat and livestock products, October and January-October 1973 and 1974 1/

Commodity and country	October 1973	October 1974	January-October 1973	January-October 1974
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beef and veal:				
Japan	1,734	405	14,742	13,102
Canada	5,128	1,195	29,137	12,083
Caribbean area	761	1,064	9,743	9,904
EC-6	52	69	1,176	1,556
United Kingdom	157	31	925	1,077
Surinam	24	26	443	875
Hong Kong	108	33	492	530
Switzerland	58	33	682	438
Other countries	298	364	2,668	3,992
Total	8,320	3,220	60,008	43,557
Pork:				
Canada	7,051	7,511	36,944	40,176
Japan	4,083	5,630	95,796	20,505
Caribbean area	1,176	1,074	9,994	9,248
Other countries	675	875	5,724	7,872
Total	12,985	15,090	148,458	77,801
Other meat (including prepared and preserved)	2,031	2,007	18,959	23,926
Total red meat	23,336	20,317	227,425	145,284
Variety meats:				
EC-6	15,487	19,514	119,933	133,892
Mexico	3,330	4,881	28,958	38,470
United Kingdom	3,328	5,552	44,387	34,235
Canada	1,208	309	8,441	4,693
Japan	376	432	10,993	3,914
Other countries	2,491	4,554	19,959	30,841
Total	26,220	35,242	232,671	246,045
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Total cattle	74,567	21,993	209,949	152,649
Cattle (excluding breeding animals):				
Canada	64,204	11,524	139,661	68,887
Mexico	668	2,152	3,129	17,338
Other	---	---	1,650	72
Total	64,872	13,676	144,440	86,297
Swine (including breeding animals):				
Mexico	667	577	3,777	4,593
Japan	1,064	100	3,699	1,616
Canada	192	151	2,111	598
Other countries	942	1,084	4,009	5,677
Total	2,865	1,912	13,596	12,484

1/ Preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

U.S. imports of meat and selected livestock products, October and January-October 1974, with comparisons 1/

Commodity and country	October 1973	October 1974	January-October 1973	January-October 1974
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beef and veal: 2/				
Australia	81,193	36,700	540,511	402,475
New Zealand	34,367	19,234	265,378	226,562
Argentina	8,248	4,914	65,302	81,537
Costa Rica	4,049	3,737	45,910	47,751
Ireland	7,208	475	15,408	41,600
Brazil	3,061	2,084	40,245	37,225
Mexico	3,678	1,808	54,140	33,146
Canada	2,746	2,889	51,518	30,783
Nicaragua	6,932	1,884	46,663	25,636
Honduras	4,220	2,418	35,610	23,524
Guatemala	2,814	1,979	31,419	21,707
Dominican Republic	1,507	1,034	11,622	12,049
El Salvador	561	289	8,331	10,150
Paraguay	2,309	64	13,440	4,948
Panama	176	264	1,484	2,327
Others	672	580	4,756	6,418
Total beef and veal	163,741	80,353	1,231,737	1,007,838
Pork: 3/				
Denmark	13,516	9,951	113,444	103,309
Netherlands	9,088	7,340	77,566	62,237
Poland	5,821	5,839	52,838	50,638
Canada	3,929	3,834	59,672	45,115
Yugoslavia	2,041	1,083	15,309	16,696
Romania	706	1,098	5,807	9,506
Hungary	552	714	3,553	6,479
Others	1,596	235	4,180	4,267
Total pork	37,249	30,094	332,369	298,247
Lamb:				
New Zealand	1,349	294	19,648	12,368
Australia	754	162	5,078	3,690
Others	1	---	136	51
Total lamb	2,104	456	24,862	16,109
Mutton and goat:				
Australia	541	---	11,503	2,212
Mexico	---	---	---	1,614
Others	---	---	351	29
Total mutton and goat	541	---	11,854	3,855
Other sausage, n.s.p.f.	371	321	4,334	4,059
Other meats, n.s.p.f.	1,383	1,106	10,392	9,192
Total red meats 4/	205,391	112,331	1,615,547	1,339,300
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Cattle (including breeding animals):				
Mexico	2,071	3,096	395,341	420,693
Canada	25,432	5,569	337,802	124,184
Others	98	33	2,019	575
Total cattle	27,601	8,698	735,162	545,452
Sheep and lamb:				
Canada	1,554	136	6,437	535
Others	---	---	1	1
Total sheep and lamb	1,554	136	6,438	536
Hogs:				
Canada	7,077	8,692	72,886	182,821
Total hogs	7,077	8,692	72,886	182,821

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Fresh, frozen, pickled, cured, prepared or preserved, and beef sausage. 3/ Fresh, frozen, canned, prepared or preserved, and pork sausage. 4/ May not add due to rounding.

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